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Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 14, line 1: "1" has been changed to --2--.

Examiner's Comment

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicants' representative, Mr. Armstrong, on June 26, 2006.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims are allowed primarily because of the essential limitation to dosing the selected initiator "from the point in time at which none of the monomer has been polymerized until at least 70% of all the monomer is polymerized, to the reaction mixture at the polymerization temperature ..." (Claim 1, II. 3 and 6-8).

The closest prior art, i.e., the Speikamp and Paleja references, neither teach nor fairly suggest starting the dosing of initiator at the polymerization temperature and prior

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to the conversion of any styrene monomer to polymer, as noted in applicants' arguments filed May 24, 2006 (Amendment, p. 10).

Accordingly, claims 1-11 and 14-27 are deemed to define allowable subject matter and passed to issue.

Any comments considered necessary by applicants must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner F. M. Teskin whose telephone number is (571) 272-1116. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM, and can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The appropriate fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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